

# Handful of Salt

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## PJALS hosts Chris Hedges “Wages of Rebellion: The Moral Imperative of Revolt”



Peace and Justice Action League is excited to host Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and writer Chris Hedges in Spokane!

Called “*Champion of the 99% – Mortal Enemy of the 1%*” by the LA

Press Club, Hedges asserts we are riding the crest of a revolutionary epic, from the Arab Spring to movements against austerity in Greece to the Occupy movement and beyond. From the vantage point of a world on the edge, Chris Hedges investigates what social and psychological factors cause revolution, rebellion and resistance. Hedges’ message is clear: popular uprisings in the United States and around the world are inevitable in the face of environmental destruction and wealth polarization.

Hedges – a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and a foreign correspondent for nearly two decades in Latin America,

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### Chris Hedges Evening

#### Appearance

Tuesday March 10, 2015, at 7:00 pm  
at the Bing Crosby Theater,  
901 W. Sprague

Tickets at [pjals.org/hedges](http://pjals.org/hedges) or TicketsWest  
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### Special Reception & Dinner with Chris Hedges

Join us for a limited-seat reception & Thai dinner with Chris Hedges, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday March 10. *Tickets to the Special Reception and Dinner include admission to the Evening Appearance.*

Tickets \$65. Limited tickets are available now only at [pjals.org/hedges](http://pjals.org/hedges)

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We're seeking new members of our financial team! We need volunteers to work with and eventually replace our current interim Treasurer and bookkeeper, Mike Nuess. Duties include tracking income and expenses in Quickbooks, issuing checks to vendors, semi-monthly payroll, reconciling bank statements, filing various reports and information with the state, completing annual IRS reporting, and reporting monthly to the PJALS Steering Committee.

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The PJALS Steering Committee is our governing board. Steering Committee members serve for 3 years to set forth the vision of our work, approve and oversee programs, raise funds. For more information and a nomination form, contact Liz Moore at [lmoore@pjals.org](mailto:lmoore@pjals.org).

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Recruits volunteers via email/telephone; tracks volunteer hours in database. Plans for volunteer needs for events of various sizes and schedules accordingly. Must possess excellent verbal & written communication skills & have knowledge of Word/Excel and Google Docs; knowledge of Salesforce preferred. 10+ hours a month. Training provided!



*Rusty Nelson on  
Peace and War*

## Trying to Support the Troops

It must have been several years ago because the signs we held said “Free Bradley Manning,” and we Vets for Peace didn't have to defend Chelsea Manning's transgender rights while bringing attention to the persecuted, military whistle-blower Americans were trying to ignore. At an event in Riverfront Park, I was approached by two burly young men who said they were active duty military and considered Manning to be a traitor. They thought the army intelligence analyst's reporting a massacre by U.S. helicopter crews was insignificant compared to the release of other classified information to Wikileaks. At least they knew something about the case. But then, they issued a challenge they might like to have back, now. “If you want to do something for an American soldier, put our government to work to free Beau Bergdahl.”

How things change. Private Manning, known now as Chelsea, is serving a 45-year prison sentence while the soldiers she reported remain uncharged and unpunished. Sgt. Beau Bergdahl is back in the U.S. after a controversial hostage/prisoner exchange, awaiting a decision on whether he will be charged with a crime. The story is different from the one several years ago, and several men from his unit want to see Bergdahl punished for being a deserter and putting them at risk.

I have an affinity for Chelsea Manning and Beau Bergdahl, not because they found themselves in the midst of a stupid, illegal war, as I once did, but because they

dared to break away from the herd, assert their individuality, and distance themselves from the senseless killing that is part of every war. I knew the military could not be trusted to spare Manning for her courageous display of integrity, but I'm not ready to accept her harsh sentence, either. Most of Bergdahl's story remains mysterious, but it seems to me that he could not justify what he was being told to do regarding people he did not hate. I don't expect him to be treated very well.

Manning's supporters are struggling to raise legal funds, but the media are tired of the story, which never had much traction with them, anyway. Bergdahl's case, too, is slipping out of the public eye, as we are quietly told, every week or two, that a decision will be made, soon. The Pentagon spin doctors don't want you to



remember the soldiers whom they can't squeeze into the hero mold. For instance, they're not going to email you updates on how Sgt. Bales is getting along in prison for practicing his military craft on randomly selected Afghan civilians. It's hard enough for them to keep a lid on the most egregious cases of military sexual trauma.

Meanwhile, we are treated to plenty of media coverage of other byproducts of perpetual war, and we're warned about public comments regarding our military adventures and adventurers. The Brian Williams kerfuffle reminds us that we can even get into trouble for the way we praise our heroes in the armed forces. In fact, I contemplated writing about Williams' problems, myself, until it became clear that every valid observation and conjecture on the subject has already been

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## Powerful award-winning play, My Name is Rachel Corrie, to be shown in Spokane

By Justin Mauger

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm, the award-winning play, My Name is Rachel Corrie will be shown at the Magnuson Theater on the campus of Gonzaga University. This play is brought to the Gonzaga Campus by Spokane's Palestine-Israel Human Rights Committee in collaboration with Gonzaga student Forrest Potter and featuring actress Erin Fitzgerald. This play is presented free of charge and open to the public. We hope that PJALS members will join us in attendance at this important event.

Rachel Corrie was a gifted writer and peace activist from Olympia Washington. As a student at The Evergreen State College, she proposed an independent-study program and went to the Gaza Strip, Palestine, to create a Rafah-Olympia Sister City relationship, where, in her work as a peace and human rights activist she helped protect Palestinian homes from illegal demolition. While practicing Gandhian nonviolence, clad in fluorescent orange and shouting over a bullhorn, she was crushed to death by an Israeli bulldozer as she attempted to stop the

demolition of a Palestinian family's home in the city of Rafah.

Following her death, Rachel Corrie's emails from Palestine received global attention. In 2005, her emails and earlier writings were presented as the play "My Name is Rachel Corrie". The award-winning play, edited by Alan Rickman and journalist Katharine Viner was initially shown at the Royal Court Theatre in London, and now, despite attempts at censorship, protests and much controversy, has traveled the world. The play has been shown in cities as varied as Dublin and Dallas, and Jerusalem and New York City, and now Spokane for a single showing.

The New Yorker magazine said "The play shrewdly does not show Corrie dying; it shows her living, in all her funny, lively, melancholy and manipulative immediacy... Her words bear witness to the deracinating madness of war, a hysteria that infects not only those doing the fighting but also those ambitious to do the saving."

This play is a project of Spokane's Palestine-Israel Human Rights Committee, a group that creates opportunities for the Spokane community to engage and learn about the situation in Palestine-Israel. We support

equal human rights for all in Palestine and Israel and see justice as a requisite for peace. "Hearing her story and studying her words in print clearly shows that Palestinians are people, just like me and you, and they deserve human rights, too." says Jennifer Calvert, the committee's co-chair.

PJALS Palestine-Israel Human Rights Committee presents

*My Name is Rachel Corrie*

taken from the writings of Rachel Corrie  
Edited by Alan Rickman and Katharine Viner



March 2nd, 7pm. Magnuson Theater. Gonzaga University

**Free Admission**

My Name is Rachel Corrie is presented with special arrangement by Dramatist Play Services, Inc, New York

## We are Tipping into Repeal

by Shar Lichty



While I was working on the freedom to marry campaign I watched the nation reach a tipping point and a flood of states passing legislation

following Washington successfully defending it at the ballot. I have been working on the death penalty for nearly 9 years and am witnessing the same thing occurring at a national level --**we are tipping into repeal!**

**Recent National Victories** include increased discussion and bi-partisan support for repeal, the Supreme Court of the US (SCOTUS) considering the constitutionality of lethal injection, Attorney General Eric Holder calling for a national moratorium pending the SCOTUS ruling, Montana passing a bipartisan bill for repeal out of committee, 9 of 15 and 9 of 12 scheduled executions for Jan. and Feb. respectively have been halted, Pennsylvania has issued a moratorium, and Florida has halted all executions pending the SCOTUS ruling.

PJALS played a key role in bringing forth the voices of **Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation** by hosting Jason Ortiz and Pat McCoy for a Spokane event and connecting them with folks in Western Washington who did the same. They spent roughly a week in Washington working with the state campaign as well to develop a Voices booklet highlighting victims' families from Washington. This booklet was delivered to legislators and is available electronically here. Cly Evans and I went to Olympia a day early and joined with Jason and Pat for meetings with legislators prior to Lobby Day. These

meetings for positive and helped advance the voice of victims' families. Our delegation of 6 arrived later that day and we all gathered for fantastic food and conversation.

**Lobby Day** was a great success this year and we all left feeling hopeful. *"What a difference a year makes." "I can't believe how different our meetings were this year." "Even legislators who aren't with us are listening and engaging in respectful conversations this year."* These are a few of the statements I heard more than once while I was in Olympia lobbying for legislative repeal of the death penalty.

PJALS had a delegation of 6 folks from the 3rd, 6th, and 4th legislative districts who traveled to Olympia to join with others across the state for Death Penalty Lobby Day last week. There were 61 individuals representing 18 districts participating in 26 meetings with law makers for a busy and upbeat day of lobbying. Postcards were delivered to all legislators in districts that had them. PJALS played a key role in gathering postcards in the 3rd, 6th, 4th, 7th, and 9th--we reached critical mass in some of the more conservative districts and this was the first time any were received from the 7th. Thank you to all of you who helped collect postcards and/or signed one--they really do make a difference!

We have made significant advances on the issue here in Washington with true bi-partisan support, increased conversations, and a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee before the bill cutoff date. I listened to a Republican co-sponsor of the House bill speak on the issue with the same passion I speak with and realized we are almost there. Because this is a budget year it is unlikely we will win this year but our continuation to build support will put us in a very good spot for the possibility of repeal in 2016!

## Our 6th Annual Peace and Economic Justice Action Conference

by Teresa Kinder, intern

March is bringing with it this year's Action Conference that has become the largest gathering of over 200 progressive thinkers from across Washington and neighboring states. This year we will be hosting 24 fabulous workshops on a broad range of issues focusing on education, action, and skill building.

Conference goers tell us the Conference provides a "great variety of programs and the opportunity to meet new people!" Another reported, "I met amazing people the mingle times were so productive and interesting. The energy at the conference and the reception was amazing. Wow! It is hard to feel hopeless about America's current state when getting together to make a change like this."

This year come and learn how you can build creative and effective actions in Eric Ross's 'Escalation of Creative Nonviolent Direct Action Tactics' workshop. Also learn how to effectively talk to your legislators with Gloria Ochoa, Blaine Stum, Lori Kinnear, and Shar Lichty.

The Conference will feature workshops focusing locally and internationally. Join David Brookbank and Jan Treecraft in 'Nicaragua: Cristiana, Socialista y Solidaria.' Or, travel with Mary Rupert and Larry Shook in 'Journey to Afghanistan and Back with a Young Soldier.'

Join us March 20th for the reception before the conference for a great evening of socializing. Then come on Saturday March 21, for the Peace and Economic Justice Action Conference. For full details and to register go to <http://pjals.org/2015conference>. Let your voice be heard.

## Meet Our *Action* Conference Keynote

By Shar Lichty

We are thrilled to have Judith LeBlanc, Senior Organizer with Alliance for a Just Society as our Keynote Speaker at this year's Peace & Economic Justice *Action* Conference. Check out our fantastic list of workshops and register now to enjoy early bird rates at [pjals.org/2015conference](http://pjals.org/2015conference).

Judith is currently organizing a project to create a national Native leadership network to provide support for strategic planning and capacity building trainings in Indian Country.

She was the Field



Director for Peace Action, a national grassroots organization representing 90,000 members committed to a fundamental change in U.S. foreign policy. She coordinated the Move the Money Campaign, an effort to organize grassroots coalitions of

community, labor and peace groups to change national spending priorities from wars and weapons to fund jobs and public services as one of the steps towards a "new economy" that works for all.

She has worked on a national level for over 30 years on campaigns ranging from labor rights, racial justice to peace, and disarmament campaigns. She served two terms as a national co-chair of United for Peace and Justice, the national coalition that organized the movement to oppose the 2<sup>nd</sup> war in Iraq. In 2014 she received the National Priorities Project's *Democracy Champions Award*.

Judith is a member of the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma. She lives in Harlem, New York.

**Chris Hedges, continued from page 1**

Africa, the Middle East, and the Balkans – writes and speaks extensively on war, religion, American culture, empire, and the conflict in the Middle East. Hedges has reported from more than 50 countries for the Christian Science Monitor, National Public Radio, the Dallas Morning News, and the New York Times, for which he was a foreign correspondent for 15 years and where he won the Pulitzer Prize for coverage of global terrorism.

His bestseller *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning* draws on the many conflicts he covered to explore what war does to societies and individuals. He examines faith and belief in American society in his books *Losing Moses on the Freeway: The Ten Commandments in America*; his New York Times bestseller *American Fascists: The Christian Right and the War on America*; and *I Don't Believe in Atheists* - his critique of New Atheists such as Sam Harris, Richard Dawkins, and Christopher Hitchens – which was praised by *The Times Literary Supplement* as the most astute dismantling to date of the New Atheist argument. In the bestseller *Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle*, he examines the illusions that beset American culture as it retreats into fantasy and severs itself from reality. *In Death of the Liberal Class*, he argues that the pillars of the liberal establishment – the press, liberal religious institutions, labor, public education, culture, and the Democratic Party – have

surrendered to corporate interests or been so decimated as to become ineffectual, shutting down the possibility of incremental and piecemeal reform that is vital to the maintenance of a democratic state. His latest book is *The World as It Is: Dispatches on the Myth of Human Progress*. His forthcoming book *Wages of Rebellion* will be available for pre-order at the event and will be published in May 2015.

Chris Hedges has written for *Foreign Affairs*, *Granta*, *The New Statesman*, *Harper's*, *Mother Jones*, *The Nation*, *Adbusters*, and *The New York Review of Books*. He writes a weekly column for Robert Scheer's web magazine *Truthdig.com* and is a senior fellow at *The Nation Institute*.

For information on Event Sponsorship or how to help promote this event, contact Liz Moore at [lmoore@pjals.org](mailto:lmoore@pjals.org).

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane Presents  
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*The Moral Imperative of Revolt*

**Chris Hedges**  
 Pulitzer Prize Winner

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**The Bing 901 W. Sprague**

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 -Los Angeles Press Club

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## Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation member calls for end to death penalty

by Jamie McDaniel

The night when PJALS hosted Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation member



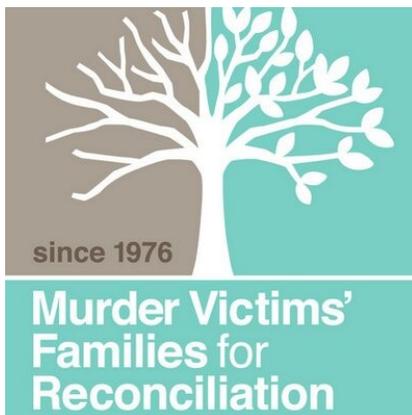
Pat McCoy proved to be an evening of powerful words which instilled the will to fight for the abolition of the death penalty in the community.

Pat McCoy invited us into his past to be able to

see how he, as the loved one of someone who has been murdered, really feels about use of capital punishment on their perpetrators. His story having come out of Spokane made his message even more powerful because it hit literally so close to home. Pat's sister was murdered in Spokane in 1974, a time when the death penalty was not legal in Washington.

Pat expresses that there is not a single member of his family that wishes the revenge, which the law thinks we all desire, was sought. He said, "We were satisfied that he was convicted and confined." He expressed to us the

importance of closure for the family, which is not done when a murder is put to death, but when the



## Young Activist Leaders Program report: "Justice needs to be done in society!"

by Jamie McDaniel, intern



Greetings from your YALPistas! We have had an exciting and educational last few months in the Young Activist Leaders Program, and we are very grateful for our workshops! We are always looking forward to the third Tuesday of every month!

I know first hand that our young

activist leaders are the coolest, most interesting and enlightening individuals out there. YALP member Kacy Kräcke says, "I think YALP is very useful when it comes to being a successful organizer. Everyone in this program knows the importance of what justice needs to be done in society."

Another YALPista, Trung Nguyen, says, "YALP gives the younger generation the chance to truly make a difference in the community. YALP proves that young people want to do more than sit around. We want to make a lasting, positive effect."

I could not agree more with you guys!

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case itself is over so that the family can behind the healing process. With the help of Jason Ortiz, another member of Murder Victim's Families' for Reconciliation, the audience was taught about the importance of what the death penalty really means in our society; both fiscally and personally.

## Welcome Social Work Practicum Student Teresa

by Liz Moore



Teresa Kinder is a senior at EWU, completing her social work practicum with a Community Organizing Internship at PJALS. "I was tired of seeing people around me thinking they couldn't make a difference," she says.

"I'm passionate about lots of social justice issues. Everything is so important, and for me it depends on what has momentum at the moment. I do love LGBT issues, anything around that is my passion."

Teresa is a graduate of the Mead school district. Her first step to put her values into action was to attend a meeting with Washington CAN. She volunteered with them on paid sick days. "I had worked at Walmart and I saw what it was like to not have paid sick days. It was ridiculous. I saw people who were sick working, and I worked in meats, so sick people are touching your food all the time. I saw people who were taking care of their families, and if they missed a day of work, they wouldn't be able to afford something for their kids, so no matter how sick they were, they were at work. It was a huge issue."

"My favorite thing about being at PJALS," says Teresa, "is hearing from so many people and learning about so many things I didn't know were issues before. Anytime I see something where people are actually doing something and actually making a difference -- I haven't been around people before who are even trying. I've learned about things like race inequalities -- I had always

## Welcome Social Work Practicum Student Jamie!

By Victoria Huckabee

Jamie McDaniel is a senior in the Social Work program at Eastern Washington University. She is from the Spokane area and enjoys spending time with her family and her new dog, Momota.

She is passionate about human rights and loves protesting for anything she feels is a worthy cause. At PJALS she works mostly on abolishing the death penalty.

In addition to being a full time student and intern, she also works as shelter staff at Crosswalk Teen Shelter and is a visitation specialist at Empowering Inc Services. Jamie



Jamie McDaniel (center) while traveling in Ghana

loves to travel and spent the summer exploring Ghana, the U.K., Germany, the Netherlands, France, Manaco, Italy

Switzerland, and Denmark.

Jamie is still undecided about her plans after graduation, but she is considering graduate school and joining the Peace Corps.

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heard they were there but had never seen them, now I have learned and now I notice and see things that were always there. Another big issue I've learned about has been with people who were incarcerated, that had never occurred to me ever."

Teresa says she'll be different after this internship. "I feel like I'm not afraid to talk about issues anymore. I'll have more skills and knowledge about how to run groups and organize anything in general."

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made, at least once, but I would point out that his buddy, the retired sergeant major, credited with his safety when he wasn't almost shot down, didn't bother to correct his memory when they had a high-profile reunion at a hockey game

Speaking of the hero mold, Chris Kyle seems to have broken the mold and been elevated, posthumously, to an exclusive pedestal. It wasn't sufficient that his memoir captivated war fans around the country before he was shot to death while trying to help a marine veteran deal with his PTSD. Self promotion could not achieve what Hollywood has for the former sniper, and his film story is now in the record books for legendary money-making. Kyle will be, if he is not already, the most famous enlisted person in U.S. military history and will probably surpass John McCain as the most recognizable figure to have been in the U.S. Navy and not been subsequently elected president. Have your kids ever heard of John Paul Jones or David Farragut? Not that I think they should.

While American Sniper, the film, continues to bust blocks, the Kyle saga continues in a Texas courtroom. Perhaps there's a verdict as you read this, but I'm betting there's no closure. Not for the families of the victims or the 27-year old defendant or the millions to whom the deadliest sniper, ever, is an object of adoration and patriotic pride. Certainly not for the military which relies upon the uncritical loyalty of each pillar of American values.

Eddie Ray Routh is on trial for the murder of Kyle and Chad Littlefield, two years ago. His plea is: not guilty due to insanity, and early testimony makes one wonder why the prosecution would take the case to trial and make it painfully obvious that

Routh should have been hospitalized upon discharge from the Marines in 2010. From my perspective, the state risks confirming our fears that the U.S. military routinely recruits mentally ill persons and trains them to kill, or trains fine young people to kill before placing them into a crucible which will ensure moral and/or physical wounds which will limit their capacities for constructive citizenship.

If you miss the irony in the movie or book, I doubt you can avoid it in the courtroom. Littlefield, not a veteran, had tried to help a number of PTSD victims and was something of a Kyle groupie. Although the good Samaritans realized their charity case was seriously delusional, it didn't occur to them that handing him a loaded gun was a bad idea. And, regardless of the outcome of the trial, it appears Kyle will be remembered as a great patriot and hero who lived and died trying to help his fellow Americans. Many of us who learned too much, too soon, about war, will never be able to think of a prolific sniper in a far-away country as someone who is saving lives, and it's torturous to contemplate navy recruiters telling teenagers that if they're good enough for the SEALs, they could be like Chris Kyle.

I don't recommend that you disparage Kyle publicly, unless you are prepared for ostracism, at best. But if someone wants my opinion about snipers, I'll recommend they read a significant part of my favorite American novel, *The Brothers K*, by David James Duncan.

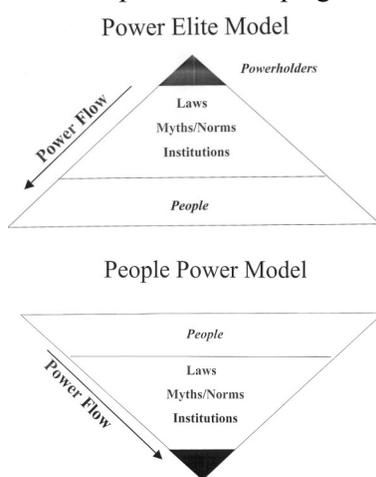
When I went to Vietnam, in 1967, I was a true believer and a good shot. There were times I wished to be enlisted instead of commissioned, but I never wished I'd been a sniper. Today, I wish someone had told me, "Don't kill for me. I feel safer with no enemies."

## PJALS at EWU—An Activist in Residence update

By Liz Moore

Young people are curious, interested, have developed their own opinions already, draw on their own meaningful experience, and ask great questions. This is what I've observed speaking in classes and holding workshops at EWU last year and this year as the first ever EWU Activist in Residence.

In January I spoke in 19 classes over two days, ranging from Philosophy to Chicano History to Feminist Methodology to Criminal Justice to African American Family. I jogged from building to building and spoke to over 300 students about PJALS, about whether the elite hold power or whether it's in the hands of the people, and the what & why of Smart Justice Spokane's campaign for criminal



justice reform.

In every class and at every Activist in Residence workshop, I share the Power Elite Model and the People Power Model from Bill Moyer's book **Doing**

**Democracy.** Heads nod as I described the power-holders at the top acting upon us through laws, myths, norms, and institutions. When I asserted that we individually and collectively have the autonomy and authority to decide to withdraw our consent and to challenge those in power, students smile and nod again. EWU students experience and

## Welcome Social Work Practicum Student Victoria!

by Jamie McDaniel

Victoria Huckabee is a full time social work student and single mother of two boys, Luke and Logan.



Her academic journey began pursuing a certification in American Sign Language which led her to the Bachelors of Social Work program at Eastern Washington University. She will graduate this spring. After graduation,

Victoria plans to enter the advanced standing program to pursue her Masters degree.

Victoria is committed to working for social justice on a large scale and push for reforms and improvements in the system. She is especially passionate about criminal justice reform and peace.

A fun fact about Victoria is that she has a pet sheep named Scout who thinks he is a dog!

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assert these two realities on a daily basis as young people, people of color, low-income folks, and other facets of identity.

You're invited to the final Activist in Residence workshop on Thursday March 5, 3:30 to 5:30 in Monroe 205: "Approaches to Activism: Making the Road by Walking," a panel discussion with Jude McNeil, Sandy Williams, Blaine Stum, Reb. Deb Conklin, and me. Come join the conversation!

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